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H. R. 5240

To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Investigations field office in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2004

Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On July 17, 2002, 18 illegal immigrants
6 were taken into custody by the Tulsa County Sher-
7 iff's Department and then later released by the

1 former Immigration and Naturalization Service. The
2 group included 3 minors.

3 (2) On August 13, 2002, an immigration task
4 force meeting convened in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with
5 the goal of bringing together local law enforcement
6 and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to
7 open a dialogue to find effective ways to better en-
8 force Federal immigration laws in the first District
9 of Oklahoma.

10 (3) On January 22, 2003, 4 new agents at the
11 Immigration and Naturalization Service office in
12 Oklahoma City were hired.

13 (4) On January 30, 2003, Oklahoma's Immi-
14 gration and Naturalization Service office added 6
15 new special agents to their staff.

16 (5) On September 22, 2004, U.S. Immigration
17 and Customs Enforcement authorized the release of
18 18 possible illegal aliens that were in the custody of
19 the City of Catoosa, Oklahoma Police Department.
20 Catoosa Police stopped a truck carrying 18 persons,
21 including children, in the early morning hours. Only
22 2 of the detainees produced identification. One adult
23 was arrested on drug possession charges, while the
24 remaining individuals were released.

1 (6) Oklahoma has 1 U.S. Immigration and Cus-
2 toms Enforcement office located in Oklahoma City,
3 Oklahoma. Currently, 12 U.S. Immigration and Cus-
4 toms Enforcement agents serve 3,500,000 people.

5 (7) Oklahoma Interstate Highways I-44 and I-
6 75 are major roads through Tulsa and serve for the
7 transportation of illegal immigrants to all areas of
8 the United States.

9 (8) The establishment of a U.S. Immigration
10 and Customs Enforcement Office of Investigations
11 field office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, will help enforce
12 Federal immigration laws in eastern Oklahoma.

13 (9) There are 7 Drug Enforcement Administra-
14 tion agents, and an estimated 22 Federal Bureau of
15 Investigation agents, headquartered in Tulsa, Okla-
16 homa, while no U.S. Immigration and Customs En-
17 forcement agents are located in Tulsa.

18 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF I.C.E. FIELD OFFICE IN TULSA.**

19 Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, not
20 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall estab-
22 lish a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office
23 of Investigations field office in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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